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PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU ANNOUNCES WORKSHOP ON THE USE OF SMARTPHONE "APPS" TO ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF 911 SERVICE

On Friday, May 8, 2015, the FCC's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) will host a public workshop to discuss developments in the use of applications (or "apps") installed on smartphones and other devices to contact emergency services. Topics addressed in the workshop will include: how existing apps are assisting in the provision of 911 service, how 911 network architecture affects requirements for app design and delivery, and future steps needed to encourage further development and integration of 911 apps into the broader 911 ecosystem (for example, location-based apps that could assist PSAPs in locating 911 callers). The workshop will be held in the Commission Meeting Room at FCC Headquarters, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington DC, 20554. Further details regarding the workshop participants, panels, and times will be announced by future public notice.

Audio/video coverage of the meeting will be broadcast live with open captioning over the Internet from the FCC's web page at www.fcc.gov/live. The FCC's webcast is free to the public.

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